HAPPENINGS IN VERMONT

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turned here two or three weeks ago and had gradually failed. She leaves three children, William Donovan of Morrisville Mrs. James Finnegan and John F. Flynn of this town; three grandchildren; one brother, D. D. Donovan, and two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Murray and Mrs. Mary Me-Avoy of this place.-Manager Don J. Grou unces the following schedule of games school basketball games January II, People's Academy at Morris ville; 19, Burlington high school at Mont February 1, St. Albans high school at St. Albans; S. Spalding high school at Barre; 15, People's Academy at Water bury: 19. Burlington high school at Bur-March 1, Montpeller high school at Waterbury: 8, St. Albans high school at Waterbury; 15, Spalding high school at Waterbury.-Home friends of Charles J Root will congratulate him upon his appointment as manager of Hotel Clarendon at Scabreeze, Fla. Mr. Root during each ner is manager of the Mt. Washington Hotel at Bretton Woods, N. H., and in winter has been at Seabreeze.-Next Friday evening there will be a promenade at Seminary hall, Waterbury Center, under auspices of the Red Cross, There wil be a table of miscellaneous articles on sale Refreshments will be served. Music Buzzell's orchestra.-The members of the Cheerful Circle, who are doing Red Cross work, had a pleasant meeting with Miss Pauline Ayers ..- Howard Kennedy, who had his eye removed at the Mary Fletcher hospital, following an accident at the Elliott mils, has returned home and is doing very well.

The body of Julius, the 17 years old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Woodward. from Burlington Thursday he having been at the Mary Fletcher hospital for treatment since last April, Had health permitted he would have graduated from the Waterbury grammar school class of 1916. Julius, was clean, likable young fellow and the family and friends noved for a long that the absceses which would not prove tubercular. He is survived by his parents, his mother being marriage, Rose Pixley; also sisters and one brother. The meral was held at the home of his parents on Winooski street Friday afternoon at two o'clock

The annual business meeting of th Congregational Church was held in the chapel Thursday evening, there being a Reports were all en couraging of interest in the work. The officers and committees serving last year were re-elected .- The following officers of Emerald Rebekah Lodge, No. 33, were installed Thursday evening at the hall by the district deputy president, Mrs. Freeman, and district deputy marshal, Pierce of Warren: Noble grand, Mrs. Martha Claire; vice-grand, Mrs. Jennie Styles; past grand, Mrs. Helen Johnson; chaplain, Mrs. Bertha Campbell; treasurer, Mrs. Nettle Fife; secretary, Mrs. Edna Boyce; warden, Mrs. Bessie Ayers; conductress, Mrs. Margaret Knowles; inside Mrs. Albina Long; outside Mrs. Ida Griffith.-Lillian, the 16 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trientl, who had been ill only a short time, died Thursday morning. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon.-William E. Collins, who has enlisted in the aviation department of the navy, expected to leave Thursday, but had telegram that he might stay until Monday when he left for Pensacola, Fla., where he will train for a time. This past summer Mr. Collins was chauffeur for the Hon. James Boutwell of Montpelier and the year preceding for Senator Dillingham. Collins has for seven years employed in the market of the O'Neil Brothers and Mr .and Mrs. O'Neil entertained a number of his friends at their home of Winooski street. A pleasant evening was passed and an appropriate gift presented Mr. Collins evening, also a number gathered at the Collins home on Wincosk street. Mr. Collins was born in Duxbury.present. Light refreshments were served .-

The funeral of Mrs. Kate Donovan Flynn was held at St. Andrew's Church Monday morning at ten o'clock. The Rev. Robert Devoy officiated, and music was rendered by the regular choir. The bearof Moretown, Charles Grandfield of St. Albans and John Ryan, William Goodwin and David Manning of this town, Burial was in Holy Cross cemetery. Among those present from out of town were Charles Grandfield and daughter, Mary, and Marion Donovan of St. Albans, pnovan of Morrisville and John Duggar of Northfield.-Miss Mary Lease returned to Barre Monday noon to resume position as instructor in music at Goddard Seminary.—The Misses Annie Dorothy Palmer and Pauline Bidwell returned to Lyndon Institute Monday .- Mr. and Mrs. Greenough of North Duxbury were reminded by their friends in that locality of their recent marriage when with various implements of noise they tendered them a chivaree last Friday evening.-Mrs. Jennie Forrence Durett and Edward Brown were married by Justice J. W. Bates at his home in Moretown Saturday evening. They will live in Moretown. Mr. Brown being employed by L. W. Seaver in Waitsfield. The bride was in girlhood a resident of Waterbury, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Baker -Mrs. B. E. Wallace has returned to the store after an enforced absence because of illness.-Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farmer were recently the parents of a daughter.

Allen, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and W. S. Dibbell was taken to the Heaton hospital Tuesday for an operation for appendicitis.-Dr. R. W. Newton of Camridge, who has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Swasey, returned home Tuesday. He first accompanied Richard Swasey to Burlington, where he having treatment for his eyes .- Schools resumed Monday with the same teachers. except Miss Prentiss. Miss Daisy Haseltine is supplying in her place.

WATERBURY CENTER.

At the regular meeting of Waterbury Grange, No. 227, held in Grange hall Tue day, Jan. 8, the following officers were installed for the present year: Master, Arthur A. Newcomb; overseer, Truman O. Murray; lecturer, Mrs. Mary Morway; steward, Dow J. Adams; assistant steward, Harold Towne; chaplain, Mrs. Nellie Morse: treasurer, John A. Parker: secre tary, Mrs. Frances E. L. Adams; gateeper, Harold Woodward; Ceres, Mrs Jessie W. Hayes; Pomona, Mrs. Lilla Merriam; Flora, Mrs. Kathie D. Brown; lady ssistant steward, Miss Elsie Guild, The installing officer was J. H. Mudgett of Morrisville, assisted by Mrs. Mudgett. Refreshments were served.

SOUTH WOODBURY.

The cottage prayer-meeting was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Myrtie Lance.—Mrs. Mary Benjamin, who has been quite ill for the past ten days is slowly improving.—Mrs. Hervie Benjamin and daughter, Mrs. Mary Doty, from the Center are assisting in the care of Mrs. Mary Benjamin.-The until mervices were resumed last Sunevery Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Watkins. Fifteen were present at the last meeting and considerable work

MIDDLESEX.

Several people from here were in Montpeller last week to attend the poultry show.—Newhall Brothers have been busy the last two weeks harvesting their crop of ice.-The village creamery and farm ers in this section have been busy hauling ice from the Newhall Brothers' pond .-Arthur Clark is ill. He has been in health for sometime, and is now confined to the bed.—The next regular Grange meeting will be held Monday evening. The third and fourth degrees be conferred on a class, officers installed and a banquet will follow, furnished by the gentlemen.-William Newhall was in Montpeller on business Monday and Tues day.-Miss Mabel Stockwell, who teaches in New Hampshire, goes to her the last of this week .- Miss Bessie Stockwell went to her school in Norwich Sat urday. Her school opened Monday after two weeks' vacation.-Mrs. Ella Egan of Montpelier is stopping for the present with Mrs. Minnie Richardson.

WAITSFIELD. Miss Rose Sullivan spent Sunday at her home in Moretown.-Mrs. W. A. Remele was confined to the house the past week on account of illness.-Miss Louise R. Gleason returned to Montpeller Saturday to resume her duties as teacher,-Alex ander Salls and Frank Brown of Burlington were business visitors in town Mon-day.—The people of this community were sorry to hear of the illness of the Rey. Frank Roberts, a former pastor here. He was taken to Barre City hospital where his foot was amputated .- R. H. Downer is confined to the house on account of illness.—Miss Alice Bushnell was ill several days the past week. Miss Clara Spaulding acted as teacher in the high school during her absence.-Wallace Venable attended a meeting of the junior high school teachers, held at Lyndon the

NORTHFIELD.

Robert Mayo, who is stationed at Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., is enjoying furlough at his home in town.-Mrs. A. P. Timmerman is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Edgerton.-Water Superintendent Frank N. Carpenter during the recent cold spell made a trip to the reservoirs of the village water system, where he found the temperature of the water to be 38 degrees, The local committee having charge of the Knights of Columbus drive during the last ten days of this month will establish headquarters in the C. O. F. hall over the News office. The commit-tee has organized by electing John Harrigan chairman and Clyde M. Coffrin secretary. Six captains have been elected as follows: John Harrigan, Clyde M. Coffrin, J. M. Donahue, E. S. Devine, John L. Burns and W. J. Kingston, territory to be covered by this, committee has been divided into three dis tricts with two captains to each district. The districts are: No. 1, that part of the village west of the river, including North Main street: No. 2, the Common stone sheds and the rest of the village including the university; No. 3, North-field Center, Northfield Falls, Northfield town and Roxbury. District No. 1; cap-tains, E. S. Devine and John L. Burns; No. 2, captains, J. M. Donahue and C. M. Coffrin; No. 3, captains, John Harrigan and W. J. Kingston. During the present week the captains will appoint their canvassers who are to canvass every nousehold and who are to report to their respective captains each day, who, in turn, are to report to the chairman, who reports to the district chairman and to the State committee, so that at the end of each day the State committee having the drive in charge will be able to know just how the work is going on.
The 49th annual meeting of the cor-

porators of the Northfield Savings bank was held at their banking rooms Wedfollowing nesday Jan. 9, when the trustees were elected: Frank Plumley, Herbert C. Cady, John L. Moseley, A pretty afternoon wedding was that at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ferris Gaylord and John Holland, who organ-W. Holden, Frank N. Carpenter, H. M. Gaylord and John Hell on Union street, Thursday afternoon, when ized by electing Frank Plumley presi-Miss Alvina Wilkinson, who has been in dent and J. L. Moseley, vice-president, layed trains over all roads prevented the the Ferris home for some time, was Following the meeting a supper was attendance of all but a few members. united to Melvin Greenough by the Rev. served by the ladies of the Methodist A few friends were Church, after which the Hon. Fred A. Howland, president of the National George S. Blaisdell has settled the ac- Life Insurance company of Montpeller, count of Mary J. Coffrin as administratrix addressed the meeting on "War Savof the estate of John Coffrin and his own ings."-Announcement has been made of account as administrator of the estate of the marriage of Henry W. Vassar and John Coffrin, Mary J. Coffrin and Louisa Miss Nellie I. Colmar, which took place

in Burlington on Thanksgiving evening MORETOWN.

Mrs. George Sleeper, who has been ill with asthma, is better.-Edward Brown and Mrs. Jennie Florence Durett were ers were: Morris Conway and James Flynn married by Justice J. W. Bates Saturday night.-Aaron Goss is confined to the house with a hard cold.-Sidney Atkins and Clara Ward were in Middlesex Wednesday .- Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bates of Montpelier were guests of Mrs. Bates' parents,

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Johnson. WORCESTER.

Fred Howieson has gone to Fayston to work for the Mad River Lumber com pany.-Elgin Howieson is moving from Wrightsville to his home here.-A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Utton January 8.-Mrs. Lettle Templeton is Keene, N. H., the guest of her sister, Mrs Arthur Hunt.-Grover Templeton and Harry Hull of Montpelier were in town part of last week.-Ernest Utton has sold his bobbin mill to Vernon Utton of Hardwick, who will move the business to that town. Ernest Utton will move his family there in the near future.

WARREN.

A foot of snow fell Friday night and Saturday.-Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Campbell were called to Roxbury Thursday by the death of Mrs. Campbell's sister, Mrs. Ellen Van Deusen, whose funeral was held Fri day.—There was a dance at the town hall Saturday night.-Mr. Harrington is ill with preumonia.—Farmers and lumbermen are improving the good sledding by hauling wood and logs.-It has been too cold to move potatoes, of which there is an abundance in town, as well as a surplus

WINDSOR COUNTY

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.

The annual meetings of the First National bank and of the Inter-State Trust company were held in the directors' room of the dual interests Tuesday Jan. 8, when there was an election of officers of the First National bank for the ensuing year. Leonard D. Wheeler, head of the Wheeler Bros', corporation, White River Junction, was elected president, while James W. Pattee of Enfield, N. H., was re-elected vice-president. The board directors is: Howard J. Miller of North Hartland, William A. Barron, manager of the Crawford House, N. H., Arthur G. Whitham of South Royalton, Edwin E. Smith and Charles L. Le Bourveau. Mr. Smith is the son of the late Robert Smith, for several years president of the bank, At the meeting of the Inter-State Trust company Howard J. Miller was elected president, Leonard D, Wheeler vice-president, James W. Pattee, Arthur G. Whitham and Edwin E. Smith trustees, and C. L. Le Bourveau as secretary and treasurer. . The new president of the First National bank, Mr. Wheeler, is a native of East Montpeller, where he was born in 1860. When he was four years old the family moved to Ran-

day,-The Red Cross meetings are held dolph and there he lived until he wa Il years old, when he went to White River Junction. Besides his other business interests, Mr. Wheeler is treasurer of the Ottagueches Western State of the Ottagueche of the Ottaquechee Woolen company of North Hartland. The firm of P. E. & B. F. Adams, build-

ing contractors, is dissolved by the retirement of the junior partner. The firm has been in existence nine years and was ever prominent in the business life of White River Junction. The business will be continued by the senior partner, P. E. Adams.
-Miss Myrtle Blood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blood, and the valedictorian of the 1913 class of the Hartford high school, has become the assistant bookkeeper and stenographer in the office of the Miller Automobile company.-A cat in the store of James Hosking caught a large, clear white rat on a recent day and brought it into the store.-Mrs. Blanche W. Wallace, widow of the late Everett J. Wallace, has returned to the home of Mr and Mrs. Carl W. Cameron, from her former home, Montreal.—Secretary Fred L. Davis of the Vermont State Fair as sociation has completed the work of sending to every State fair organization in country a printed announcement of the dates of the next Vermont State fair, to be held in White River Junction the coming September 17, 18, 19 and 20. addition each of the local fair association within the State have also been notified. | possible your ho The public schools of the entire town reopened Monday following a three weeks recess.—The vital statistics of the town of Hartford for the year ended January 1, included 64 marriages, 50 deaths and 113 births.—Orrin L. Pease, son of the late Charles W. Pease, and Mrs. Mary C. Pease, still living in Hartford village, has been made Hay's professor of the Buffalo, N. Y., Society of Natural Sciences, going to the position from the professorship of biology in the Buffalo State Normal school, following a three years' service as such. Professor Pease is a graduate of Norwich University and while serving in the normal School at Buffalo he received the B. S. degree. While a student at Norwich University he will be remembered for his success as a member of both the baseball and football teams.—The January issue of the Windsor County Farm Bureau circular has been issued from the White River Junction office of James C. Otis. the county agent. Prominent among the various articles of the four page pamphlet is one urging the buying of agricultural chemicals co-operatively, a practice the past two years of farmers in Barnard Bethel and Hartford. County Agent Otis offers his advice and assistance to any and all Windsor county farmers in the purchase of mixed goods or clear chem icals for the coming season.

The Rev. John E. Hunt, for five years past pastor of the West Lebanon Congregational Church, has resigned the pastor ate and his resignation has been accepted As a large number of White River June tion people are identified with and active church, the retirement of Mr Hunt, who preached his final sermon last Sunday, is of community interest. Hunt is a graduate of the Bangor, Me. Theological Seminary, and the Lebanon church was his first pastorate -Drew A. Gordon left town Monday for Kalamazoo, Mich., in which place he considering the purchase of a noted track horse to bring to White River Junction. The annual meeting of fire precinct No. 1 was held in the firemen's rooms, Bridge street, Monday evening with a large and representative number of citizens in attendance. The presiding officer was Charles L. LeBourveau and George B. Carpenter was secretary. William F. King, for several years member of the prudential committee, declined a re-election and Garfield H. Miller was choser his successor. By a unanimous vote the prudential committee was authorized to purchase for the precinct a combination nose and chemical auto truck, the cost not to exceed \$5,000. Fred A. Hutchin was given a unanimous re-election for the fifth consecutive term as precinct fire chief, and E. A. Shepard and George B. Dome. were chosen first and second as-

sistants, respectively. The annual meeting of the Vermont and New Hampshire Retail Monumental Dealers' association called for Tuesday and Wednesday, made final adjournment Wednesday following the holding of a single session of the annual meeting. The de-A feature of the Wednesday morning ses sion was the election of officers for the year ensuing as fololws: President, F. M. year ensuing as follows: President, F. M. Eaton, Lebanon, N. H.; secretary, C. A. Bailey, Manchester, N. H.: treasurer, J. Edgar McNichol. White River Junction. It was voted to hold another meeting the June in Barre, the date to be named later.

SOUTH ROYALTON.

At recent business meeting of the Ep worth League the following officers were elected for the coming year: President William J. Steele; first vice-president, Miss Rosetta Flint; second vice-president, Miss Maud Corwin; third vice-president, Miss Lucy Eaton; fourth vice-president, Norma Clifford; secretary, Miss Mary Hibbard; treasurer, Miss Alice Barrows organist, Maud Corwin.-Mr. and Mrs Frank M. Varney have returned to their tenement after spending the vacation in Bristol.-F. Roy Ainsworth was married to Miss Ruth A. Putnam of Stockbridge by the Rev. J. H. Mosely on Sunday eve-

SHARON.

Architect Louis S. Newton of Hartford village was in town Saturday for a conference with the local school board re-specting the plans and details of the proed new village school house, the cellar and foundation of which are already completed.-George A. Snow has received his discharge from the army at Camp Devens Mass., and resumed his former position as the local railroad station. Matthew Mc Guire, the acting agent during the absence of Mr. Snow, is at his family home in Cambridge.-Mrs. Charles McDonald wa last week guest of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Brewster, and family in West Lebanon, N. H.-The retail price of eggs in Sharon stores is 60 cents per dozen Sharon creamery butter is 49 cents and the various makes of dairy butter range in price from 45 to 48 cents a pound. Pota toes are 40 cents a peck having advanced 20 cents a bushel in the past week.—The tender of an engine that cleared the track Sunday forenoon and only a short distance from the railroad station delayed a heavy freight traffic until the afternoon.-Wells Porter, manager of the Sharon Creamery association, has returned from a visit to Dr. Walter C. Kenney in Winchendon, Mass. Dr. Kenney was a one time resident of Sharon.-Services in the Congregational Church have been postponed till January 27, because of the difficult traveling and fuel shortage. The Fred F. Lyman house on Howe hill caught fire Sunday afternoon from an overheated stove-pipe. An early discovery and prompt action saved the fire from much damage.-Commissioner Highways H. J. Snow and and men and teams were busy Sunday breaking out the town roads.

DEATH OF FHENRY C. CONGDON. Rutland, Jan. 15 .- Henry C. Congdon of this city, a retired Rutland railroad con-ductor, died to-day while visiting relatives in Rochester, N. Y. He was born in Clarendon in 1837. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having been wounded at Get-tysburg and Cold Harbor. He spent five months at Libby prison. Mr. Congdon mean? Are the Martians trying to talk was assistant to the judge advocate in the war department after being discharged from the army for physical disability. Retiring 10 years later, he was conductor 18 years.

Much Noise a Necessary Concomitan of the Celebration.

FAILS TO AGREE Case of Pacifist Pastor May Be Re-tried in U. S. Court in Burlington Next Month.

Brattleboro, Jan. 16 .- For the third time after the case was placed in its hands the jury in the prosecution of the Rev. Clarence H. Waldron of Windsor for alleged sedition reported at eleven o'clock to-day that it could not agree. Judge Howe then dismissed the panel after stating that it could not be criticised for its inability to come to an agreement following its consideration of the case more than 24 hours. Before dismissing the jury, Judge Howe inquired of Foreman F. W. Childs what

the prospect was for arriving at a verdic and the latter replied, "It will be im-On motion of District Attorney V. A Bullard of Burlington Judge Howe continged the case to the term which begins in Burlington February 26. Waldron will be tried again then unless the government decides to drop the case. He will remain under ball, which is \$1,000, until the case is disposed of. Attorney R. C. Bacon of this town, who was assigned by the court to defend Waldron, said he felt that he had done his full duty to his client under the assignment and asked permission to withdraw, and the court said he would appoint new counsel, plimenting Mr. Bacon highly for the able

being no way for paying attorneys assigned by the court. A little color came into the face of the respondent who sat beside his wife and father when the report of the jury was made but no emotion was noticeable. He was very calm throughout the triah It was rumored on the street that the

manner in which he handled his client's

interests, all without compensation there

ST. ALBANS HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

jury stood eight to four for conviction

St. Albans, Jan. 16.-The report of the for the year 1917, since he assumed office May 11 last, succeeding Dr. A. O. Morton, resigned, shows a total of 220 communicable diseases reported, with four deaths. The diseases were as follows: Chicken-pox 25, diphtheria seven, german measles 33, infantile paralysis three, measles 126 with three deaths, mumps one, scarletina nine with one death typhoid fever eight, whooping cough

eight. There were five sudden deaths, four from natural causes and one homicide.

The health officer reports 25 nulsance investigated and settled, and 14 premises disinfected.

That no more cases of infantile paralysis developed is, in the opinion of the health officer, undoubtedly due to the prompt co-operation of the city council with the health officer in delaying the opening of the schools and in restraining children under 16 years from attending public amusements

Since Dr. Arnold was appointed milk inspector October 1 last, 24 licenses have been granted. Thirty-seven inspections have is sold, including the examination of 13 with the city ordinances and the laws of Vermont and the State board of health.

The milk and ice cream which were tested by the State laboratory were proven safe articles of food. The city water has been examined twice

Trains Approaching Normal.

lines were opened. evening, arrived at ten o'clock this her lord and master. Other chiefs about 45 minutes late.

at White River Junction from four to eight o'clock for Boston & Maine connec-

Passenger service was not resumed on the lines of the St. Albans & Swanton Traction Co.

RATHER PECULIAR CAUSE FOR ACTION

Rutland, Jan. 16.-Louis Blair of Walling ford has brought suit in Rutland county court against William E. and Matilda F. Sharon of Mount Holly to recover \$500 for alleged negligence as result of a peculiar accident at East Wallingford on September 26, 1917.

The allegation is that the horse of the defendant was left standing beside the road in East Wallingford village, unhitched and unattended and that it away and collided with a team of horses which the plaintiff was driving along the public highway not far from the depot. One thill struck one of the Blair horses and it had since been unfit for work, ac cording to the declaration.

MAY BE SIGNALING US.

Observers Report Mysterious Lights Have Been Seen on the Planet.

Are the inhabitants of this planet soon to be in communication with the men of Mars? The Paris journal Excelsior deals with this absorbing problem as follows For some years a committee of savants has been in existence at Boston, Mass., formed to study the various means suggested for establishing communication with the planet Mars and to ascertain once for all whether or not the Martians, whose existence is practically accepted as a reality, desire to get in touch with us. In 1892, and again in 1901, the most powerful telescopes disclosed three intensely luminous centers of light, separated from each other by a distance of several hundred miles and which appeared produced by artificial means In 1906 a stranger thing happened. Dur-

ing several months it was noticed that the wireless telegraph stations throughout the world received a mysterious signal This was sent out by no about midnight. terrestrial post. It was supposed that a message from Mars was being picked up. means of replying was at once M. Cros, the French scientist, sought. suggested the creation of luminous nals capable of being seen on the neigh-boring planet. It was following this that the Boston committee was constituted. The committee has just reported that five luminous spots have been observed on Mars. They appear and disappear alternately, like the illuminated adver-

mean? Are the Martians trying to talk "And." the Excelsior concludes, "what

could be more appropriate? Was our earth ever more completely consecrated to Mars than at the present time?" AN INDIAN CHRISTMAS.

James P. Dower of this city has received from the Rev. W. Arendzen, S. S. E., of Tongue River Reservation, Montana, formerly a member of the teaching force at St. Michael's College, the fol-lowing interesting letter as to how the Rev. Arendzen and Mr. Dower's brother, Edward J. Dower, formerly of this city, spent Christmas with the Cheyenne In

THE LETTER.

Christmas of 1917 has once more spec through the circle of time and left be-hind it only memories of sacred as well secular Joys and happiness. Even our boys at the front have had their specia Christmas rejoicings though it were mixed with powder and shot on a battlefield of bloodshed and carnage. Our Cheyenne Indians were not behind in this un idea of celebrating the birthday of Our Saviour. Now that Christmas has pass ed, all is quiet once more amongst them but their dreams are still wild. bodies may be heavy with sleep through fatigue of long nights of revelry but their brains still work on memories of scalps figuratively taken during their Christman war dances and of over-laden stomache in reality experienced. Indeed an India: dance is not complete if the dancers have not scalped, in their imagination at least, a half dozen enemies, and their day has not been really a happy one if the sleep that follows does not lull to forgetfulnes the actual sufferings following a too greatly satisfied appetite. An Indian's way of enjoying himself is far from similar to the white man's art of having a good time. To make this more plain should like to give a small sketch of night during Christmas week spent among these Indians. On this particular night of which I wish

to write, Huward J. Dower, the teacher of the boys, and myself pulled our fur caps tightly over our ears, since the nigh was cold and bleak, and silently slipped out of the house just as the clock struc 9:30 p. m. We had to leave the mission as if on an errand of great secrecy for we dared not disturb the children, who are allowed to assist at only two or three dances during the season, while the rest of the tribe dance for two solid weeks almost day and night. After a rather perilous walkover an icy mountain trail, the frozen Tongue river at our feet on ou left and high cliffs on our right, we reached a little Indian settlement consistin

of about 60 tepees all clustered around the dance hall. The dance hall, or to be city health officer, Dr. W. B. Arnold, more correct, this spacious log house, is about 60x75 feet in size. Within we four heavy pillars holding up the roof. In the center stands a kind of pen in which the orchestra sits; along the four walls are long boards set on the ground four wood stoves, one in each corner, keep the hall comfortably warm; a load of hay spread on the ground completes the fur nishings. When we threw open the large door we were surprised that none of the Indians had as yet come to the meeting, especially since one of the chiefs, "Pa Spottedhawk," had for two hours previous filled the hills around with she and I could say howls, announcing the program for the night. We visited camps around until 11 o'clock. Space will not permit me to speak of the interesting scenes of typical Indian life we saw. At 11 o'clock the first sound of the drum

broke loose within, so we re-entered the dance hall. There was a bunch of Indians squatted in the center beating most violently a large kettle drum very sythmet ical but without intermittance. They al so exercised their lungs by weird humming and casual savage yells, all almost been made of premises where milk simultaneous and without any order. The squaws were squatted on the hay at the farms which were rated in accordance right end of the hall and the bucks stood supercitously on the left of it; the two never mix. Soon the Indian judge, James Tangleyellowhair, entered all dressed up as an old warrior. A hundred feathers bristled like a crown around his head trailing down his back to the ground. He wore a gorgeous beaded vest, buckskin trousers, with a heavy leather belt around his waist and bells circling his ankles. Beads of all colors sparkled from St. Albans, Jan. 16.—Traffic conditions casins. With his large cloak thrown care began to get back to normal this after- lessly over his shoulders he strutted inmoon on the Central Vermont railway, to the hall like an Indian Mephistopheles All the snowplows were running and all The music silenced down to a mere thump, Train No. 5, due thump, and his squaw in frenzied admir here from the south at 5:55 o'oclock last ation jumped up and down in front of norning. No. 3, due at 8:05, came in at lowed behind, each one dressed a little 3:24 a. m. No. 1, due at 5:33 in the morn-different, but all looked delightfully picing, did not reach here until 12:40 this afternoon. No. 2, the New England States outside and possessor of iron lungs then Limited, from the north, due at 10:46, was started to wail and howl inside the hall. No pen can describe his spasmodic bursts The trains from the south were held of oratory, consisting of yells intermingled with verbal periods. When the chiefs were seated there came bursts of continuous thunder wrought by the dozen or more musicians pounding their drum till one began to think that even a German bomb could not destroy it. Slowly a long string of squaws and bucks began to move along the floor in slow and steady adence. They all covered one another's shoulders with their blankets, which mad the dancers look like a fairy ring moving round and round in perfect order. The warriors soon grew tired of passing the

pipe of peace to one another as they sat haughtily on the bleachers, so condescended to take part in the dance. The man with the iron lungs was shouting all the while but unexpectedly he began to give forth different kinds of howis, undistinguished by us ignorant and uninter-ested "whites," but well understood by his fellow-tribesmen. The drum stoppe the squaws and bucks returned to their men, women and children, to suck at their cigarettes. The cause of this sudden change in proceedings then started in earnest to exercise his lungs. This time phrases were longer and yells less frequent. On inquiry I found that they were going to give presents. A young mission girl, 16 years of age, Elsle Littlecoyote, now stood alone near the center of the hall dressed in a very loud colored garment emblazoned with all kinds of beads porcupine bodice and of course the inseparable blanket over her head. She announced that she desired to give the proceeds of one of her horses among the lians present. The audience showed their approval by shouting Hai-Ho! Hai-Ho Then an old Indian jumped into the ring holding with one hand a little pappoor and with the other a large stick, started jumping frantically round and round speaking all the while. It was soon ev dent that the little boy, who was too young to walk, was also to give a present Perhaps the little fellow himself did not approve of these proceedings since as so as he was let loose he gave a scream an scrambled back to his mother's side Then something picturesque happened The drum once more began its wild noise the dancers once more welted the floo in a frenzy and the doors were flung wide warrior in full paraphernalia and seated on a white horse, rode in amongst the crowd. He thrice encircled the hall

showing wonderful horsemanship. man with the iron lungs once more began all The warrior majestically jum from his steed, called out the name of on of the squaws present, (Walkseasy), who timmediately came forward, seized the horse by the bridle, and marched triimphantly out of the hall. The horse wa henceforth her property. The same war-rior called out another name and a little boy of seven snows (years), came forth and received the war feathers which the aged man had by this time removed from his head. It was really touching to see the tender way in which the feeble old a little boy soon to start on his fight |

Dear readers, I could tell you flerce contortions of the war dance and the melo-dramatic hopping of the squaw dance, how an energetic dancer, glorying in the name of Little-Whiri-Wind, jumped round the hall holding out a silver do iar to demonstrate the amount he was go-ing to fine each "slacker" who refused to dunce, followed in his trail by a limping old dame, whip in hand, threatening also corporal punishment on the same category of deliquents, but your time and mine is limited, so we will have to return to civilization and leave the Indians to their mode of life. REV. W. ARENDZEN, S. S. E.

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YESTERDAY AND TO-DAY

Striking Changes in Ideas, Opinions as Customs Brought About by the War. (From "Girard's Talk of the Day" in the Philadelphia Telegraph.)
Yesterday the wrist watch was the fad
of sissies and to-day it is the necessity of

soldiers going to battle. Yesterday Uncle Sam was smashing the railroads into small units and to-day he is preparing to operate them as the largest

trust in the world. Yesterday it was fashionable to see how much you could waste and then indirectly brag about "the things one really and truly must have to get on with," while to-day multi-millionaires are eating corn

to big business such as Bethlehem Steel and Baldwins as a public menace, but today we hall them as saviors of our cour

know about were earning with their brains tens of thousands of dollars for them-selves every year, whereas to-day they are tolling for Uncle Sam at two cents a Yesterday it was a crime for the United

Yesterday hundreds of men I know

States to own a merchant marine, to-day a Philadelphia shipyard is preparing to build 50 great ships at a clip, so that we may have a merchant marine. Yesterday it was the fashion for the vast majority of people to spend every cent they earned, but to-day ten million

people own Liberty Bonds-mostly paid for out of savings. Yesterday we couldn't possibly get on without limited railroad trains, yet to-day we feel no fatal sensations when those costly luxuries are not running.

Yesterday a girl paying-teller in a bank would have caused a mild riot, but today women are in the bank, breaking stones on the railroads, conducting trolley cars, making big shells for our troops, running elevators in office buildings an playing messenger boy. Yesterday we put more money in alcoho

twice over than we put in all public education, as men, and a few women, too, couldn't seem to live without John Barleycorn, and yet to-day our liquor bill has been cut in two without a major surgical operation. Yesterday we taxed ourselves heavily to feed and maintain in semi-luxury or at

least full comfort thousands of crooks thieves, counterfeiters and murderers, but to-day some sensible communities have set this parasite class to work. Yesterday milady could scarcely draw on her own gloves, but now she is knitting

with nimble fingers stout sweaters for Yesterday we depended upon Germany for a lot of drugs and dyes which to-day

we are duplicating-only making better

Yesterday we simply had to eat steaks and chops three times a day, but now we find less need for doctors and fewer calls upon our bank accounts when eating meat but once a day. Yesterday the farmers apparently

mother earth produce, nevertheless clear call from Dame Necessity and the farmers added a cool billion bushels of grains to our supply.

Yesterday the mossbacks yelled that 200

raising all the food they could make

ships of war were too many for a nation certain never to have another fight, but now we find 1,000 such ships too few, when we have a war. Yesterday you just couldn't be content

a joy ride, eating up precious gasolene, but you reduced mileage on the verage by 40 per cent. and still survive the shock. plates flanked by sugar bowls, but to-day

when the big hotels dole out one lump of sugar for each cup of coffee we do firs rate and still save over 50 per cent. in sugar. That's what necessity does for us.

You never can tell. By tomorrow we may have made sufficient progress to be able to dine without the din of a brass band at our elbows.

STORE FARM WATER.

Reservoirs Properly Built Conserve th Supply for Irrigation and Live Stock. If the water which goes to waste on the farm in times of plenty were con-served for times of drought, gardens and fields might be saved from failure and live stocks from a sacrifice market. Farm reservoirs store water of streams, pumpe water or run-off water until it is needed. A widely increased interest in pump irri-gation has created a demand for storage facilities to retain the water lifted by the pump overnight and to provide a large irrigation stream for the following day. That farmers who contemplate building reservoirs may be properly guided in the work, a new publication. Farmers' Bulletin 828, "Farm Reservoirs," discus

the various types and details of construction, recently has been published by the United States Department of Agriculture. The use to which the farm reservoir is to be put should determine the type of construction, according to the writer of the bulletin. If it is intended to use any part of the stored water for drinking or even for culinary purposes, the entire supply must be kept while if the supply is intended for irrigation only, the purity of the water need n be considered. If a reservoir is intended for both irrigation and the watering farm animals, care should be taken in planning and building so that damage ca not be done by the trampling of stock. Problems of building-how to reservoir, when a concrete lining is advisable, how to "puddle" an unlined re servoir, how to build inlets, outlets, waste ways, embankments, and how to protect the reservoir-all are discussed and illusrated in the bulletin.

The most common source of supply for farm reservoirs is the well, from which water is raised to the necessary height by a windmill, gas engine, or electric motor. The flow from springs, lakes, flowing wells, and small creeks forms another source of supply. Also, in that borderland between humidity and aridity known as the Great Plains area, and throughout the arid region, the so-called "dry creeks" carry considerable water at times. Part of this run-off, the specialist declares, often can be led into a re-servoir and stored for watering stock and irrigating land. In the Atlantic and East Central States and, in fact, throughout the entire humid region, water to fill reservoirs generally can be obtained readily at low cost from springs, lakes, wells. Bogs or muck beds, which abound particularly the Atlantic Coast States, often can be breeding grounds into serviceable reservolrs.

Don't send food to your soldier boy. of \$5.50 each by the tanner to whom There is plenty to eat in all the military they were sent. Foul pelts which were camps and the railroads are congested sent to the tailor to be made into two with mail and express .- Syracuse Postwarrior, who could fight no more, hand these war feathers, his greatest pride, to Standard.

THE REAL FOOD MENACE

Searcity of Dairy Situation Alarming.

While the need of wheat and meat is as pressing as ever in the conduct of our military operations, threatened scarcity of dairy supplies constitutes the real men of the world because of its direct bearing upon the nourishment and physical deveiopment of children, says the Portland Oreilan. This will be felt first—and already s being felt-by the central powers, but no country in the world is safe. Dairy herds are growing smaller both in Europe and the United States, both because of the prices of meat, which have prompted kill-ing in order to turn the animals into cash in the quickest possible time, and the high price of feed, which has reduced the profits of the dairyman. The outlook for the young is all the more serious because it will take years to restore the herds even in normal times; a single world's bumper crop of cereals, on the other hand, could quite easily eradicate all memory

of famine in grain. With the exception of these dairy products, however, the bulk of the world's food is consumed in the countries where it is produced, according to Prof. G. B. Roorbach, of the University of Pennsyl-vania, who points out that "large as is the international trade in food pro it represents but a small proportion of the food grown and consumed at home." The United Kingdom and Belgium are usually pointed out as the countries most largely dependent upon the outside world, but even these countries produced in the pre-war period 53 per cent. and 57 per cent. respectively, of their own requ

It is a safe prediction that Great Britain will exceed this percentage after the war ends, although it is doubtful whether Belgium will be able to do so, but in any event the trade balance in food is not likely to be greatly changed. France was supplying 93 per cent. of her own requirements before the war, and Germany 88 per cent. Professor Roorbach says that food production in the United States is 10 times as great as food exports, and that even these exports are nearly offset by our food imports. "In other words," he says, "the United States is scarcely able to pay for imported food with food which is exported.

It is a mistake to suppose that the western hemisphere is the "granary of the world," as some have assumed. Even Argentina, sparsely populated as it is, actually consumes twice as much as she exports. Europe, for all its industrial development and dense population, is still the greatest agricultural region of the world. With comparatively little addi-tional effort it could supply itself with all the grain, potatoes and sugar it needs. But the dairy industry is comparatively restricted. Holland, Switzerland, Den-mark, Sweden and parts of Russia have the chief reliance for supplies of milk, butter and cheese, and these countries,in common with the United States, have been sacrificing their herds. Whatmay be said of their unwisdom, the

fact remains. The lesson to Americans is plain. It is that an especial effort should be made to preserve, and, where necessary, restore, the dairy industry. Attention to the grading of herds is particularly necessary. must not rely on European countries, as we have done in the past, for much of our fine stock. Europe will need her own dairy cattle at home, and is quite likely to restrict; if not prohibit, From the dairyman's point of view, America must stand on her own bottom. It is a duty that should not be ignored by farmers in planning for the future

"HEARD ON THE STREET!

(By a White River Junction Man.) That Gladys says she heartily favor That the alienable right to get "lit up"

s considerably interfered with by the new 2 3-4 per cent. beer regulation.

That what is worrying some people now is not so much the meatless and wheatless. days, as the prospective whiskeyless

nights. That church suppers used to provide 50 cents worth of food for 25 cents, and now they are expected to give \$1.00 worth for

That some people's idea of food economy is buying 25 cents worth of vegetables and then putting 75 cents into dressing fix them up. That Mr. Wilson denies asking Mr.

Bryan to leave the cabinet, but he might have intimated that the air of Nebraska was exceedingly healthful.

That after you have had to eat twice as much bread to satisf your hunger, one begins to wonder where the benefits of the price reduction come in.

That while our Sammles shiver in un-heated barracks, the congressmen who held up appropriations for them live in swell steam heated apartments. That with beer down to 23-4 per cent. alcohol, it will cost some people just twice

as much for the desired excuse for nonappearance Monday morning.
That 23,000,000 knives and forks and 11,-000 spoons delivered to our army, the shortage of spoons is made up by the girls that hang around camps. That doughnuts are disapproved by the

food conservers, as they take so much wheat flour, but the children will patriofficially accept ple as a substitute. That when the grocer says he hasn't had any sugar for a week, ask him to look

you in the eye and think of his mother and you in the eye and think of his mother and Sunday school teacher.

That the only general that can make the Russian people behave is old General Hunger, and he is preparing a grand campaign that should have useful results.

That considering the prices for candy, moving picture show tickets and jitney when the time has forever gone by when

rides, the time has forever gone by when you can finance a best girl on a salary of \$10 a week.

That the Wilder man who sent away dollar to the person who advertised a sure preventative of automobile thieving, received the wise reply, "Sell the car and

That the Germans are still confident about our entrance to the war as Kaiser Bill has informed them that our soldiers will have only wooden guns and won't be able to get anything else.

BIG PROFIT IN SHEEP BRED FOR FUR. A writer in the December Farm and Fireside says:

"One of the latest industries introduced into the United States is that of breeding Karakul sheep, natives of Asia, for the production of fur. While he ultimate aim of the business is the sale of Karakul lamb skins for use in garment manufacturing, owing to the limited number of these sheep in the United States and the difficulties incurred in importing new ones, the sale animals is at the present the most profitable feature.
"The Karakul may be said to repre-

sent a distinct type of sheep, but many persons have hesitated about calling them a breed.
"In 1912 L. M. Crawford began the

experiment of crossing Karakuls with Lincolns and other long-wool sheep on his 1,900-acre ranch, near Cottonwood Falls, Kansas. This ranch is now known as the Kansas Karakul Ranch and is one of the few in the United States to be devoted to this industry. As a re-suit of crossing Karakuls with Lincoins the half-blood lambs were all black with the luster and curi typical of the pure Karakul. Pelts of some of these lambs, born dead or dying soon after birth, were priced at an average overcoat collars were reported as worth